

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-5. (Withdrawn)

6. (Currently amended) A leather tile, comprising:

a first face;

a second face;

a layer of plastic resin fixed to said second face wherein said resin layer is adapted to be fixed to a floor or to a wall to line with said tile; and

at least one through hole between said first face and said second face, said at least one through hole having a predetermined shape, said at least one through hole being filled with resin in order to form a pattern or a script matching said shape at said first face.

8. (Previously presented) The leather tile of Claim 6, wherein said resin extends along said second face, and wherein said tile comprises a first layer of leather associated with a second layer of said resin.

9. (Previously presented) The leather tile of Claim 6, wherein said resin has a side portion width exceeding the width of said second face of the leather tile, said resin thus creating an exterior edge that surrounds said leather.

10. (Previously presented) The leather tile of Claim 6, further comprising machined side edges for close alignment of adjacent tiles.

11. (Currently amended) A leather tile, comprising:

a first face;

a second face;

a layer of plastic resin fixed to said second face wherein said resin layer is adapted to be fixed to a floor or to a wall to line with said tile; and,

at least one through hole between said first face and said second face, said at least one through hole defining an area substantially enclosed within said leather tile periphery, said at least one through hole having a having predetermined shape, said at least one through hole being filled with resin in order to form a pattern or a script matching said shape at said first face.

12. (Currently amended) A leather tile having a layer of plastic resin adapted to be fixed to a floor or to a wall to line with said tile, wherein said leather tile is produced by a process, comprising:

a) preparing a semifinished leather tile having a first face and a second face and having at least one through hole between said first face and said second face, said at least one through hole defining an area substantially enclosed within said leather tile periphery, said at least one through hole having a having predetermined shape;

b) introducing said semifinished leather tile in a plastic resin injection mould, with said first face oriented towards the bottom of the mould;

c) introducing the plastic resin in said mould, the resin filling the remaining free space, including substantially filing said at least one through hole; and,

d) hardening the plastic resin that becomes integral to said semifinished leather tile.